The above figures indicate a steady rise in the export of consultancy services.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) A Global Preparatory Meeting for the consultation on Cousultancy Engineering Services was organised by the UNIDO at Geneva from June 20—22, 1994. The recommendations of the meeting related to measures to ameliorate constraints in the development of consulting engineering services in developing countries, through National Governments, National Consultancy Promotion Agencies, and International Bodies. The recommendations included regulations of consulting engineering services at national level, skill upgradation of consultants, acceptance of local consultants as lead consultants and their greater participation in multilateral funded projects, and encouraging local consultants in technology transfer as well as their interactions with R&D organisations.

(f) The recommendations of the meeting appear to be relevant and useful for the development of consultancy capabilities at national level for domestic as well as export markets, and will be implemented to the extent possible by the Govt. strong consultancy capabilities will help in accelerating our technological and industrial developments.

Production of Coffee in the Country

1800. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that due to liberalisation of economy, the Coffee Board is posing its significance with shrinking field of operation ;

(b) if so, what was the total production of coffee in the country during 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95 (estimated) and how much of it was handled, marketed and exported through the Coffee Board ; and

(c) what was the average price fetched per unit by farmers, coffee board, retailers and exporters during the current year as compared with those during the last two years?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) to (c) The Coffee Board, constituted under the Coffee Act, 1942 as statutorily charged with not only the responsibility for promoting the sale and consumption of coffee in India and abroad, but also with all aspects of development of coffee plantation. This includes R&D support for higher production, assistance to coffee estates for development, securing better working condition and amenities for workers etc. Therefore, the Coffee Board continues to play a significant role in the areas of research, development and extension alongwith the recent liberalisation introduced in the marketing of coffee. Afer the introduction of Free Sale Quota (FSQ) upto 50% of the produce in 1994, the marketing activities of Coffee Board has decreased but the developmental activities of the Coffee Board continue to be at par.

The total production of coffee in the country and the quantity handled and exported through the Coffee Board for the years 1992-93 to 1994-95 are as under :—

Year (Season)	Total Production	Coffee handled by the Coffee Board (in tonnes)	Coffee exports (Fiscal year)
1992-93 . . .	161,500	119,220	From the year 1991-92 onwards there has been no direct export of coffee through Coffee Board.
1993-94 . . .	208,000	47,000	
1994-95 . . .	180,000 (estimated)	90,000 (estimated)	

The prices fetched by the coffee growers for the main grades of coffee in the current year as compared to those during the last two years are as under:—

Grades	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94 (up to Nov. '94 provisional) Rate per tonne— In Rs.
Plant A	30,300.00	38,200.00	90,000.00
Ar. Chy. AB . . .	26,810.00	36,620.00	81,270.00
Rob. Chy. AB . .	24,860.00	29,100.00	70,290.00

The prices fetched by the Coffee Board during the current year as compared to prices fetched in the auctions in the last two years are as under :—

Grades	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94 (up to Nov. '94) Rate per tonne—In Rs.
Plant A	33,823.00	42,384.00	1,00,343.00
Ar. Chy. AB . . .	29,938.00	38,270.00	91,442.00
Rob. Chy. AB . .	26,228.00	32,054.00	81,314.00

Import of Hops

1801. SHRI SUSHIL BARONGPA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Hops are imported in different forms viz liquid (concentrated), pellets and cones (dried flowers) ; and

(b) if so, how much Hops, both in quantity and value-wise are being imported in the current year in order to meet the evergrowing demand of Indian Breweries?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) Yes, Sir, Hops' in any form is freely importable item under the current Export Import Policy 1992—97.

(b) As per the provisional figures furnished by the Director General Commercial Intelligence & Stastics, Calcutta quantities and value of Hops imported during current year i.e. 1994-95 are as follows (up to June, 1994) :—

	Qty. (Tons)	Value (Rs. lakhs)
1. Hop cones, fresh/dried neither ground nor powdered nor in the form of pellets.	11	24.97
2. Hop cones, fresh/dried, ground, powdered or in the form or pellets; lupulin.	35	61.98
3. Saps and extracts of Hops.	12	32.34

End use-wise data, however, is not available.

Trade Relations with Romania

1802. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have established trade relations with Romania ;

(b) if so, the areas in which Indo-Romanian trade has been established ;

(c) whether Government have a proposal to expand trade relations with that country ; and

(d) if so, the new areas identified therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Our major items of export to Romania have included iron ore, cotton, oil meals, spices, cashew & leather. Our major items of import have included fertilisers, artificial resins, newsprint, machinery, transport equipment and project goods.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) In order to expand trade relations both sides have identified a promising scope for co-operation inter-alia in tourism, computer hardware & software, drugs & pharmaceuticals, petrochemicals and metallurgy.

Trade Cap between India and Nepal

1803. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :